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1. WE HAVE BEEN INFORMED BY ILYA TALEV, AN EMPLOYEE OF VOA AND ONE OF THE SONS OF TSVETANA GEROVA TALEVA, THAT HIS MOTHER HAS TOLD HIM BY TELEPHONE THAT A MAN DESCRIBING HIMSELF AS EMPLOYEE OF INTERIOR MINISTRY VISITED HER SEPTEMBER 24. MRS. TALEVA WAS INSTRUCTED TO KEEP HERSELF AVAILABLE TO SEE A DEPUTY MINISTER OF INTERIOR BEFORE THE END OF SEPTEMBER, AT WHICH TIME A DEFINITE DECISION WOULD BE TAKEN ON HER APPLICATION FOR EXIT DOCUMENTS. SINCE SHE WAS TOLD SHE SHOULD HAVE WITH HER AT THAT TIME \$120 IN EXIT FEES, IT APPEARS BULGARIAN AUTHORITIES EXPECT TO ACT FAVORABLY IN HER CASE.

2. MR. TALEV HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO PROCEED IN ACCORDANCE WITH SUGGESTION IN PARA 6 REFTTEL RE AFFIDAVIT OF SUPPORT AND MULTIPLE AUTHENTICATIONS OF IT.

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3. SINCE PROGRESS IS ALREADY APPARENT IN MRS. TALEVA'S

CASE, WE SUGGEST EMBASSY SELECT ANOTHER SIMILAR CASE ON WHICH TO MAKE REPRESENTATION TO FOREIGN MINISTRY. IN MAKING

REPRESENTATION, EMBASSY SHOULD BE CERTAIN THAT INITIATIVE HAS NOT YET BEEN TAKEN BY BULGARIAN GOVERNMENT ORGANS TO REVIEW APPLICATION FOR EXIT DOCUMENTS. EMBASSY SHOULD AVOID ANY APPEARANCE OF STAGING A TEST OF GOB GOOD FAITH, AT LEAST UNTIL IT APPEARS THAT PROMISE OF FORWARD MOVEMENT ON DIVIDED FAMILIES CASES MAY HAVE BEEN LIMITED TO HANDFUL OF CASES.

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